## RECEIVED 0112 SEP 0 5 2001 550692 9 MS. SIRI: Good evening, my name is DeAnn 10 Siri, and I am the duly elected Esmeralda County Clerk 11 and Treasurer. I have worked for Esmeralda County 12 government for 10 years, and have in Esmeralda County 13 for 13. 14 Based upon our review of the viability 15 assessment and the Preliminary Site Suitability 16 Evaluation, we fully expect Yucca Mountain to move 17 forward and be developed as a repository. Therefore, 18 it is our belief that we must begin planning for the 19 inevitable impacts to the repository program, particularly those related in transportation. 21 Shipments to Yucca Mountain will most -- will almost 22 certainly go through Esmeralda County, and we fully 23 expect that Esmeralda will serve as the primary 24 corridor for shipments by rail or truck for the next 30 25 years or more. Goldfield, the Esmeralda county seat, 0113 1 will be most impacted by these shipments. Goldfield 2 does not presently have the infrastructure, equipment 3 or emergency personnel to take on this responsibility. 4 We fully expect DOE to provide assistance these areas.

5 I request that the DOE immediately begin working with

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- 6 the county to develop detailed transportation plans,
- 7 policies, mitigation strategies. Furthermore, DOE
- 8 should develop equity compensation packages to
- 9 compensate Nevadans for solving this issue. Thank you.